GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Toxic Waste of Union Carbide
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up chemical and petrochemical industries in certain Special Economic Zones (SEZs) abroad to overcome the deficiency of petro-chemical resources and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has finalised agreements with countries such as Iran and Myanmar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether details of the finances including the investment, distribution, profit-sharing ratio and the financial incentives (tax exemptions) that will be provided to the Indian industries set up in the SEZs of the petro-chemical rich countries has also been finalised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Shipping; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. (Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya)
(a) and (b) : There is approximately 337 MT of Union Carbide India Ltd; (UCIL) waste lying at erstwhile UCIL plant site at Bhopal. As per the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (SLP) No. 9874 of 2012: Union of India Vs Alok Pratap Singh & Others, 10 MT of erstwhile UCIL waste was successfully incinerated at Common Hazardous Waste Incinerator at Pithampur, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) during August 13-18, 2015 and thereafter the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change filed the report of incineration of 10 tonnes of UCIL waste to the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) As per Union Cabinet's decision taken in the year 2010, State Government of Madhya Pradesh is responsible for undertaking disposal of erstwhile UCIL waste. Government of India, both the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change directed the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to expedite the process of disposal of erstwhile UCIL waste in coordination with Central Pollution Control Board.

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